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SUBJECT: REPORTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN DEMOCRATIC
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1. SUMMARY: FOLLOWING IS AN INTERVIEW OF CAMBODIAN REFUGEE
SOURCE V, NAME: KHUT PHAY. (NAME MAY BE USED FOR USG
DOCUMENTATION FOR UNHRC.) INTERVIEW WAS CONDUCTED AT PRASAT,
SURIN, JUNE 15, 1978.

2. KHUT PHAY, 43, WAS FROM ROMIET, SIEM REAP. IN FEBRUARY,
1978, HE WAS ORDERED TO MOVE TO CHEUNG TIEN. HE FLED TO
THAILAND JUNE 6 AND ARRIVED JUNE 14, 1978. HIS ACCOUNT
FOLLOWS:

3. CONDITIONS OF LIVING IN DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA QTE
I WAS A FARMER IN A WORKSHOP IN KOUK PONGRO, ODDAR MEANCHEY
PROVINCE. I WAS NEVER CALLED TO THE MILITARY BY EITHER THIS
OR THE FORMER REGIME. WE HAD 577 PEOPLE IN OUR VILLAGE.

4. QTE WE HAD RICE GRUEL TO EAT, BUT THE RATIONS WAS VERY
SMALL. WE USUALLY RECEIVED ONLY ONE BOWL OF GRUEL EACH
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DAY. ABOUT ONCE A MONTH, WE RECEIVED TWO BOWLS.

5. QTE WE HAD ONLY HERB MEDICINES IN THE VILLAGE
WHICH DID NOT HELP PEOPLE WHO WERE SICK.

6. SYSTEM OF ADMINISTRATION AND PUNISHMENT QTE OUR
VILLAGE WAS RUN BY CIVILIAN ADMINISTRATORS. THERE WERE

NO SOLDIERS OR SPIES (SCHLOP) WE KNEW ABOUT. WE COULD NOT COMPLAIN OR SUGGEST ANYTHING. WE COULD ONLY WORK. IF WE BECAME SICK AND THEY DID NOT BELIEVE YOU, THEN YOU WERE EXECUTED. I KNEW A FELLOW WITH PNEUMONIA. THEY DIDN'T BELIEVE HIM AND HE WAS "TAKEN AWAY."

7. QTE MY SON, SAY, 22, WAS ASSIGNED TO COLLECT HUMAN EXCREMENT. AFTER COLLECTING THE EXCREMENT, HE MIXED IT WITH WATER BUFFALO DUNG AND WATER HYACINTH TO MAKE FERTILIZER.

8. QTE IN MARCH, 1978, I ASKED THE COLLECTIVE CHIEF TO LET SAY MARRY MON, A GIRL IN OUR VILLAGE WHOM SAY HAD KNOWN FOR MANY YEARS. MON WAS 24 AND VERY PRETTY. HER PARENTS ALSO ASKED PERMISSION FOR THEM TO MARRY. THE COLLECTIVE CHIEF SAID, "NO", AND WARNED THEM NOT TO GET TOGETHER AGAIN. IT WAS AFTER THIS HAPPENED THAT SAY WAS ASSIGNED TO COLLECT EXCREMENT, IN AN AREA AWAY FROM MON.

9. QTE THE YOUNG DO NOT LIKE THE NEW REGIME. NOBODY LIKES IT.

10. EXECUTIONS QTE I KNEW OF A DOZEN PEOPLE WHO WERE EXECUTED ON THREE DIFFERENT OCCASIONS. I DON'T KNOW WHY. I ALSO KNOW OF A HUGE GRAVEYARD IN THE VILLAGE PHUM TA NGEL NEAR O CHIK IN SIEM REAP PROVINCE. THERE IS A HOLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THERE TWENTY METERS SQUARE AND EIGHT METERS DEEP. THE FAMILIES OF FORMER SOLDIERS, OFFICIALS AND TEACHERS WERE KILLED AND THROWN INTO THE PIT. PEOPLE ARE NOT ALLOWED NEAR THE PLACE, BUT REFUGEES, INCLUDING MYSELF, HAVE SEEN IT.

11. HUMAN, CIVIAL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS QTE THE KHMER ROUGE HAD SOME RIGHTS BUT THE PEOPLE HAD NO RIGHTS. THE KHMER ROUGE HAD THE RIGHT TO KILL THE PEOPLE. WE HAD NO FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND HAD TO STAY IN THE SAME PLACE. O'DONOHUE

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